





MEDIEVAL WARRIORS

Computer Battle Game

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GENERAL OPERATION

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6 Medieval Warriors is not disk copy protected. It may be copied 7 using any of the regular disk copy routines appropriate for your 8 computer. If you are unfamiliar with these procedures, please 9 read your computer manual for the particulars of disk copying.

11 Before using Medieval Warriors for the first time, we recommend 12 that you make a working copy of the disk. Be sure that the name 13 of the copy matches that of the master program disk.

16 Loading (Amiga)

Just follow the regular power up sequence for your Amiga. When
 your Amiga requests the Workbench disk when booted, please
 insert the Medieval Warriors working copy in the internal disk
 drive. Medieval Warriors will then boot.

23 Note: Medieval Warriors requires at least 1 megabyte of RAM in 24 your Amiga to operate.

26 If you copy Medieval Warriors to your hard drive, copy both the 27 Med_War and Md_War_Files directories to your Hard drive. The 28 two following assigns must be placed in your startup-sequence so 29 the game files may be located in the Med_war and 30 Md_War_Files directories.

assign MW: <hd>:Med_War assign MDWARFILES: <hd>:Med_War_Files

35 If you prefer, an hard drive installation program has been 36 included on the disk, which will automatically copy the correct 37 directories to your hard drive and add the assigns to your 38 startup-sequence.

1 Loading (Macintosh)

Medieval Warriors is not shipped with System software. The latest System software should be used. If there are problems with the game loading, any memory intensive utilities that are running (i.e. Ram cache, print spoolers, etc.) should be turned off.

8 To launch Medieval Warriors, double click on the Game Icon after 9 the disk is inserted in the computer.

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14 Please place the Medieval Warriors working copy program disk 15 into drive A: and type

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When The Program Begins

When the game loads into the computer, the Credits/Copyright picture displays on your monitor. To play Medieval Warriors, click the mouse button or press *RETURN*. A requester will appear and ask you for a manual validation character.

You will be requested to type in the first letter of a random word from the Medieval Warriors manual. For example, the requester may ask for the first letter from

Page 12 Line 14 Word 5

After you find and type in the correct letter, the *Kings Bridge* Battlefield map will load. Medieval Warriors is now ready to begin.

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3 All Medieval Warriors actions are controlled via the mouse.

5 IBM computers without a mouse should consult the appended instruction sheet for IBM play instructions.

8 On Amiga computers the left mouse button initiates actions, while 9 the right mouse button displays menus.

11 The keyboard is used to input specific Modem and Opponent Parameters, filenames, and messages when playing between two 13 computers.

15 Messages between players may be typed at any time during game 16 play, using the SEND and RECV lines at the bottom of the 17 display.

Verification Requester/Dialog

22 A verification requester/dialog will appear on your screen whenever you request an action that might drastically effect the current game configuration. The requester/dialog will request an action from the player, and the game will not proceed until a valid response is made.

These requesters/dialogs are designed to protect you from accidentally initiating an action that may irreversibly change 30 some aspect of game play, or inadvertently break the teleconnection. Please read them carefully before responding, 32 otherwise you may initiate an action that you actually do not want to occur.

Medieval Warriors

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Overview

8 Medieval Warriors lets you pit your military skills against those of the computer in a graphically animated, computer battle game. It also allows you to play against another human player, either 11 on a single computer, or over the telephone with two computers 12 (Amiga, Macintosh or IBM) equipped with modems.

13 Medieval Warriors provides 4 perspectively viewed, Battlefield 15 Terrain maps upon which the game may be played, Each offers different military problems in a medieval setting to be solved by the strategy, tactics and intelligence of the player or players. These Battlefield Terrain maps include King's Bridge, Frontier 19 Outpost, Village Wall, and Castle Keep.

Both sides in Medieval Warriors have twelve animated, individual 22 warriors, each with different names and abilities, which move and 23 fight on command with bow, knife, axe and sword.

25 To select any warrior, simply point the tip of the mouse pointer 26 to any warrior visible on the Battlefield Map, or to one of the 27 friendly colored positions marked on the Tactical Grid, and press 28 the left mouse button. The chosen warrior will now be marked 29 by a surrounding yellow bracket.

31 To MOVE the warrior, point the mouse pointer at another 32 Battlefield Map location, and press the left mouse button. The 33 warrior will then attempt to walk to the selected destination. 34

35 To ATTACK with the selected warrior, first choose a weapon 36 from the list and an Attack direction from the Attack Direction 37 Compass. Now select the ATTACK control, and the selected 38 warrior will attack in that direction, striking a blow against an 39 enemy warrior if one is in range.

1 A player's turn lasts until each Warrior has either moved and 2 attacked, or the *turn TIMER* runs to zero. Play can be passed to 3 the other player at any time by selecting the *PASS* control once 4 the player has made all the moves he wishes for that turn.

6 Each time a warrior is hit by an attacking warrior, he sustains 7 wounds. If he receives too many wounds, then he is killed. 8 Bodies of fallen warriors are automatically removed from the 9 battlefield after three turns have transpired. Warriors may not 10 move to a space occupied by a dead warrior.

Once an arrow, axe or knife is loosed in an attack, it cannot be recovered. Each warrior does carry a sword, however, which can be used repeatedly as long as the warrior lives.

16 The goal of Medieval Warriors is to kill all enemy warriors. The 17 tide of battle can quickly swing one way or the other, depending 18 on the strengths and weapons remaining to the survivors.

Display And Control

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The Medieval Warriors display is divided into two sections. The upper half display is the *Battlefield Terrain Map*, while the lower half of the display is referred to as the *Control Panel*.

28 Battlefield Terrain Map

The Battlefield Terrain Map is a close-up perspective view of the current battlefield with both *Blue* and *RED* (Mac: *Black* and *White*) warriors in position. At any given time about one-fifth of the Battlefield Map is displayed.

35 Movement and attacks by all warriors are graphically animated on 36 this Battlefield Terrain Map. Only those areas of the map 37 containing a player's warrior may be viewed by that player 38 during his turn.

1 Control Panel

3 The lower half of the Medieval Warriors display is the Control 4 Panel. The Control Panel is comprised of six distinct areas 5 which provide information, game controls, and a user-to-user 6 interface. These sections are as follows.

Weapon Selection Control

«» Warrior Profile

«» Game Turn Timer

«» Connect Timer

«» The Tactical Grid

«» Warrior Controls

« RECV & SEND Message Lines

Weapon Selection Controls

The Weapon for the selected warrior may be selected by clicking on either a BOW, KNIFE, AXE or SWORD.

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The Warrior Profile lists the COUNT, RANGE and POWER of each weapon for the selected warrior. COUNT indicates the number of that type of weapon remaining. RANGE indicates the effective range of the weapon in cells on the Tactical Grid. POWER indicates the damage done to an enemy with a particular weapon.

31 STRIDE displays the maximum distance that a warrior may travel, 32 where 1 stride unit will move the warrior 1 horizontal or 1 33 vertical square on the 22x15 Tactical Grid.

35 *HIT PT.* lists the health of a warrior. As a warrior receives 36 wounds, his *Hit Points* decrease by the *Power* of the weapon with 37 which he is struck by the enemy. When Hit Pt. drops to zero, 38 then the warrior is dead.

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3 The Turn Timer displays the time remaining in a given turn. Turn 4 times are set under the Options Menu.

Connect Timer

The Connect Timer indicates the elapsed time since the latest teleconnection with another computer was made. This is useful for reminding players how long they have been on the telephone.

Tactical Grid

The Tactical Grid displays the whole Battlefield Terrain Map under a 22x15 grid overlay upon which prominent Battlefield Map features are displayed.

The Terrain Grid displays positions for each warrior of the army whose turn is current, and the last known positions of previously detected enemy warriors. Enemy positions are updated whenever a player selects a friendly warrior in the vicinity. Enemy position updates occur only when the map area in question is displayed within the upper Battlefield Map display.

27 When a player no longer has any units in a given vicinity, it is 28 not possible to view that area.

30 The selected warrior indicates its Tactical Grid position by 31 blinking on and off. Another friendly warrior may be chosen for 32 action by clicking one of the friendly colored squares on the 33 Tactical Grid map with the mouse.

35 Red squares indicate *Red* army warriors, while Blue squares 36 indicate *Blue* army warriors.

38 (Macintosh: Hollow Squares indicate *White* army warriors, while 39 Square Dots indicate *Black* army warriors).

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3 The Warrior Command Controls which are used to initiate actions, 4 are separated into two distinct clusters, the *Attack Direction* 5 *Compass*, and the *Warrior Activity Controls*.

Attack Direction Compass

The Attack Direction Compass highlights the current attack angle for a selected warrior. Eight different attack angles are available, one for each of the eight major compass points. Warriors may only attack along these eight trajectories.

Take care when determining diagonal attack trajectories. Counting the cells marked on the Tactical Grid, will provide accurate plots of enemy warriors that can be hit on the diagonals.

Warrior Activity Controls

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22 The ATTACK control is chosen to make the selected warrior
23 attack. The warrior's current attack direction is always indicated
24 on the Attack Direction Compass. A warrior may attack but
25 once a turn, unless in Double Attack mode, in which case each
26 warrior may attack, move, then attack again.

28 The « and » controls allow the player to page through the entire 29 warrior list for each warrior remaining in the game that is being 30 played. It offers a quick method of determining if all warriors 31 were considered for action.

33 The MOVE control only indicates whether the selected warrior 34 has moved this turn. All actual warrior movement is always 35 commanded in the Battlefield Map display.

37 The PASS Turn control is chosen whenever a player has finished 38 warrior activity and wishes to Pass the turn to his opponent 39 before the Turn Length Timer is zero.

Otherwise the turn automatically will Pass when the Turn Length Timer reaches zero.

5 RECV and SEND Message Lines

7 The RECV and SEND message lines, which are displayed across 8 the bottom part of the Control Panel, are only activated after a 9 teleconnection has been established with another computer. All alphanumeric keys typed on the keyboard will be displayed on the 11 SEND line.

13 Message Text will be transmitted to the teleconnected computer 14 either when the *RETURN* key is pressed, or when the end of the 15 *SEND* line (72 characters) is reached.

The *RECV* message line displays incoming text messages from your teleconnected opponent. A chime sounds when an incoming message is received to alert the player to read the message. With some modems the *RECV* line will echo your *SEND* message should the teleconnection be broken. On *Disconnect* the *SEND* and *RECV* lines are disabled.

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27 Both armies are comprised of twelve warriors, which are 28 positioned on the Battlefield Map at the start of each game. 29 Four Battlefield Maps offer four game piece scenarios with 30 various warrior placements in each.

32 Each warrior is individual -- that is, he differs in Name, Stride, 33 Hit Points, and ability to use each weapon. It is important for 34 players to use the warriors effectively, together and alone, to 35 maximize the effectiveness of each.

37 Every warrior in one army has a counterpart in the other army, 38 who possesses the same warrior abilities, so both sides in the 39 conflict are equal at the start of a game. Some warriors are

1 light of foot, and move swiftly from place to place, while others 2 are heavy and slow. Some are excellent swordsman, while others 3 excel with a bow or an axe. Some have the constitution and 4 stamina to withstand many blows, while others die quickly.

6 A brief description of each Red warrior and his Blue counterpart 7 follows.

Lord Justin & Prince Aragorn

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are the aristocratic leaders of the two armies. Trained in the art of war from an early age, they are deadly with all weapons, swift of foot, and possess average stamina. As the finest swordsman in the realm they are valuable at the end of a game, when projectile weapons are scarce and swords are all that remain.

17 Martin Trueflight & Fletch Arrowquiver

18 are forest hunters. The bow and arrow is their weapon, though 19 they are also good swordsman. Their Stride and Hit Points are 20 average to low. They are useful most when used for long range 21 Bow attacks.

23 Baron von Krieg & Balthizar Ali

24 are each foreign mercenaries who fight for gold rather than 25 glory. Their average to low weapon ability and Stride is offset 26 by battle experience that reflects in rather high Hit Points for 27 each. They are useful to lead an attack, to soak up blows that 28 would kill lesser warriors.

30 Monsieur Epee' & Don Agil Espada

are young foreign noblemen sent by their titled families to learn the art of war. Their youth gives them a rapid stride, and their training makes them better than average with all weapons. Their lack of experience reflects itself in average to low Hit Points. They will account for themselves well in battle, though they may not live long.

38 Elric Quickstroke & Rapier Thrust

39 are both accomplished men-at-arms. They are excellent with all

weapons, especially swords, are quick of foot, and of average Hit
Points. Both are efficient fighters and will get the job done.
Their passage will be marked with the bodies of fallen enemy.

5 Grey Ferret & Dirk Poniard

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6 are thieves by trade, forced to join the war to escape the 7 gallows. The knife is their weapon of choice. Each is fast and 8 silent of foot, though low in Hit Points. Placed in the front 9 lines, they will quickly die. But if they are kept in the shadows 10 at the edge of a fray, their knives will take their toll.

12 Eric Stoutheart & Balantine Brusk

are sturdy serfs who took service in the army of their liege lords to escape working in the fields. They are average with most weapons, as well as average in stride. Hit Points are average low. It is unfortunate, but true, that success in battle is often built on such warriors, who die that others may conquer.

19 Braddock Dala & Duke Celibrian

are noblemen fighting for fame, love, and glory. They are well trained and experienced in all weapons, especially the sword, have better than average stride, and average Hit Points. Their expertise is invaluable in any fight, but more so at the end of a game when projectile weapons run short.

26 Goldie Chimera & Scarlet Sage

are dandies who are distant relations of important people (nobody can remember whom). They have higher opinions of themselves than justified by their abilities, which are average at best. In their favor, is an uncanny luck, which is reflected in very high Hit Points. No one complains when these two are placed in the front lines of a battle. They are survivors.

34 Robin Locksley & Warden Forester

as a sword. They are very fleet of foot, but low in Hit Points.
Use their long bows from a distance. If they empty their quivers before being killed, then it is unlikely that many enemy survive.

1 Giantkiller & Theron Axewielder

2 are exiled mountain dwarfs of ancient feuding families. They 3 each have strength that is unequalled by normal men, who flee 4 the power of their axes. The might of their Hit Points is renown. 5 They ignore wounds that kill others. However, each is slow of 6 stride and a very poor swordsman. It is important that every 7 axe they carry takes a toll on the enemy. Use them to turn the 8 tide of battle.

10 Bangor Hatchett & Halbard Berserker

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11 are barbarians giants of warring tribes from the eastern steppes.
12 They know how to fight with any weapon. But it is with the axe
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14 wheat in a field. They may be slow of foot, but have Hit Point
15 so very high that they are difficult to bring down. Like the
16 dwarfs they can be used to break the lines of the enemy. If
17 every axe has found its mark, then at the very least, the enemy
18 will hold no advantage.

Starting Medieval Warriors

23 Medieval Warriors will begin when you select *New Game* under 24 the *Play* menu. Two small data files load from disk and the 25 game begins.

27 Note: When playing against another computer both computers 28 must be set to the same Battlefield Map before New Game is 29 selected.

The side (Red or Blue) that is currently chosen on the play menu always begins a game. Once a game has begun, the positions of all friendly warriors are displayed on the Tactical Grid.

The current warrior will always be marked with a surrounding bracket on the Battlefield Map display. And its location will blink on the Tactical Grid. In order to select a different warrior as the current one, point the mouse pointer at another warrior in the Battlefield Map display and click the mouse button.

1 The Battlefield Map display then realigns itself to the new piece,2 centering it in the display when possible.

4 The Warrior Profile now displays the ability of that warrior, and 5 all the Command Controls reflect the options remaining to him.

Another warrior, in particular those not in view in the Battlefield
 Map display, can be chosen by clicking the mouse pointer on a
 friendly warrior that is marked on the Tactical Grid.

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The selected warrior, that is marked by the yellow bracket on the Battlefield Map, can be ordered to move by simply pointing the mouse pointer to another location in the Battlefield Map display and clicking the mouse button.

19 If the location isn't impassable (occupied by another warrior, 20 trees, water, stone, etc.), and is within the *Stride* of that 21 warrior, then he will do his best to move to the selected 22 location, avoiding any impassable obstructions.

Medieval Warriors analyzes the move and calculates the best route to reach that destination, taking into consideration the terrain crossed, and the *Stride* of the warrior.

28 Sometimes the warrior will not reach the destination, however, 29 because a bridge, a hill, stairs, furniture, etc. slow his progress. 30 Sometimes the destination lies just outside the warrior's *STRIDE* 31 range, so he does the best he can with what he has.

33 Usually, movement orders that are within the *STRIDE* range of 34 the warrior are more likely to be successfully carried out. In any 35 war pushing troops beyond their limits can be counter 36 productive.

Warrior Attacks

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3 The game default mode allows each warrior to attack once per 4 turn. If the *Double Attack* option is enabled under the Options 5 Menu, then each warrior may *ATTACK*, *MOVE*, then *ATTACK* 6 again.

Set the attack direction by first selecting a compass angle from the eight controls in the Attack Direction Compass. Then click the ATTACK gadget to cause that warrior to attack.

When a warrior has attacked with a projectile weapon (arrow, sknife, or axe), the weapon continues in a straight path until either it:

(1) hits the first enemy warrior reached,

(2) reaches its effective weapon range,

(3) hits an impassable object,

(4) reaches a Battlefield Map boundary.

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21 Keep in mind that with certain warriors, such as the bowman, it
22 is possible to shoot quite a distance off screen. This is
23 especially true to the North and South, where the narrow view
24 of the Battlefield Map display sometimes only shows 3 cell rows
25 to the top or bottom edge of the screen. When you are shooting
26 at a target that is out of view, the Battlefield map will scroll
27 with the weapon along it's trajectory, so you may view the
28 consequences of the attack.

To use a sword successfully in an attack, the warrior must be on a square adjacent to the enemy warrior whom he is attacking.

33 Warriors cannot attack warriors within their own army. The 34 weapons are assumed to pass harmlessly over their heads. 35

The victor in Medieval Warriors is he who best uses his warrior strengths. Remember the defensive abilities of each enemy warrior. Do not waste a 12 power axe attack on a warrior who has only 4 Hit Points, but throw a 4 Power knife instead.

Game Options

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The Options menu offers game options that can be set before a game is begun and include the following:

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«» Select a Scenario

«» Choose an Opponent

«» Select a Computer Play Level

«» Select Warrior Attacks

«» Select Warrior Weapons

Set the Turn Timer Length

Choose a Side

18 The selected army color starts the game, either *BLUE/Black* or 19 *RED/White*. When playing teleconnected with another computer, 20 the player that starts the game by selecting *NEW GAME* receives 21 the chosen side color.

Select a Scenario

Four game scenarios, wherein the placement of each warrior varies, are provided. When a Scenario is selected the positions of the warriors are displayed on the Options Tactical Grid. Each scenario subtly changes the strategy and tactics used in a game. When teleconnected, the scenario selected on the computer that starts the game will be the scenario that is played.

Choose Opponent

Options include either a *HUMAN* opponent or *COMPUTER* opponent, If the Computer opponent is selected, then a Computer Play Level must also be selected.

Select Computer Play Level

3 Three computer play levels are provided, NOVICE, EXPERT and 4 MASTER. Expert is the game default.

Select Warrior Attacks

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This option allows a game to be played in a SINGLE ATTACK per Warrior per turn mode (the default), or a DOUBLE ATTACK per Warrior per turn mode. In Double Attack mode warriors may ATTACK, MOVE, then ATTACK again. Game play in DOUBLE ATTACK mode moves quickly, and also may give a slight edge to the defenders.

Select Warrior Weapons

This option sets the number of weapons for each warrior to either 5 or 8 (the default). With 5 Weapons Each allotted to warriors, the game will usually end with many sword duels.

This provides an interesting variation to 8 Weapons Each games, wherein the warriors rarely run out of projectile weapons by the end of a game.

28 Turn Timer Setting

30 The *Turn Timer* forces the turn to change after a certain number 31 of seconds has elapsed. The timer defaults to 240 seconds.

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33 Anything from 30 seconds to 600 seconds for a *Human* opponent,
34 or 240 seconds to 600 seconds for a *Computer* opponent, may be
35 selected.

The shorter the time allotted, the fewer pieces a player is able to move and attack during the course of a turn.

1 Battlefield Maps

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Any of the four Battlefield maps may be selected from the
 Options menu.

6 Each offers a different challenge in terrain types, and requires a 7 different strategy to successfully master.

9 KING'S BRIDGE presents two territories separated by a stream that can be crossed by a single bridge.

FRONTIER OUTPOST presents two forts separated by forest and a small pond.

VILLAGE WALL offers the challenge of defending or attacking a walled village only entered by main and postern gates.

17 18 CASTLE KEEP presents a battle to the death in the maze of 19 stone rooms and passageways.

Playing Medieval Warriors

24 First select your choice of options from the menus. Then select
 25 NEW GAME from the Play menu. Medieval Warriors will begin.

Note: When playing against another computer both computers must be set to the same battlefield map before New Game is selected.

30 31 At any time during a Human player's turn the game can be 32 stopped by selecting *CEDE/END* from the Play Menu.

A game that was Ended can be continued or Replayed simply be selecting CONTINUE or REPLAY from the Play Menu.

36 37 Any game may be saved, then later loaded and *Continued* or 38 *Replayed*. However, Replay is disabled whenever the game is 39 played between two computers When the game is teleconnected to another computer, every correct move made on one computer is echoed on the other computer.

6 The receiving computer, however, does not receive the opponent's 7 Tactical Grid display.

9 Make a mental note of enemy abilities and remaining weapons on 10 each warrior, and mark the weaker warriors as good targets.

Focus your offensive actions, allowing your warriors to work together towards a common objective. Use map borders to your advantage.

16 The player who best manages long range diagonal and vertical 17 attacks on enemy warriors off screen will have a definite 18 advantage.

o In Double Fire Mode even the weaker warriors are powerful.

Think wisely before committing to an unprovoked attack.

Saving and Loading Games

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26 Games may be saved, and later loaded and *Continued* or *Replayed*27 under the Files menu. Enter the filename of the game you wish
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29 mouse.

When playing from floppies it is necessary to save the games to a data disk. A program to automatically create a data disk has been provided, and should be run prior to playing a game.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Playing Between Two Computers

6 The TeleComm menu provides options relating to play between 7 two computers.

9 There are four possible teleconnection modes into which your 10 computer may be set:

- «» Dial Telephone Number
- «» Answer Telephone
- «» Null Modem Connect
- «» Disconnect

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19 The computer will always be set to one of these four 20 Telecommunication modes. The default is *Disconnect* when the 21 game begins.

In order for a player to initiate a teleconnection with another computer, one of the other items must be selected.

Dial Telephone Number

This menu selection tells your modem to *Dial the Telephone Number* you requested (See Modem and Opponent Parameters).

33 Answer Telephone

This menu selection designates this computer as the one that waits for and answers the call from the other computer when attempting to establish play between two computers. The computer instructs the modem to answer the telephone the next time it rings.

1 Null Modem Connect

3 This menu selection instructs Medieval Warriors to bypass modem 4 communication routines, and directly connect to another computer 5 via a null modem cable between the serial ports of each.

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This menu selection breaks the connection between another computer, previously connected by selecting *Dial Telephone #*, *Answer Telephone*, or *Null Modem Connect*.

Both computers must always select *Disconnect* when a session has ended.

Setting Modem and Opponent Parameters

Modem and Opponent Parameters may be set from the menu Opponent Parameters.

Medieval Warriors allows you to save the Modem and Opponent Parameters so they can be recalled instantly when needed.

Modem Parameters

29 These settings can be edited to conform to your modem and 30 saved to the disk, so that each time Medieval Warriors loads it 31 defaults to the requirements of your personal modem. 32

- «» Baud Rate
- 35 « Dial Command Modern Settings
- 36 «» Answer Command Modem Settings37

Baud Rate - Modem Parameters

3 Baud rates of 1200, 2400 and 9600 may be selected.

5 Both computers must be set to the same baud rate before a 6 connection can be established.

Dial Command - Modem Parameters

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Whenever your modem dials a telephone number, it must first send a signal to your modem that a telephone number is about to be sent.

15 If your particular modem, like most, is *AT* compatible, then 16 either *ATDT* (for tone dialing) or *ATDP* (pulse dialing) should be 17 chosen.

19 A custom command entry box is provided for any modems with 20 non-standard modem command sets. Note that this entry box 21 may also be used to add *AT* commands to the dial command.

23 For example, the command *ATX6DT* will tone dial the phone, 24 returning result codes, which Medieval Warriors can use to 25 inform you that the number was busy, whether a human and not 26 a computer answered the phone, or whether no one answered the 27 phone.

29 If characters are displayed in the custom dial command box, then 30 that is the active dialing command.

2 Click the box active, then type the command that you require.

35 Answer Command - Modem Parameters

37 A modem must be commanded to answer the telephone when it 38 rings.

1 If the modem has a built in auto answer feature, ATSO = 1 2 commands it to pick up the phone after it rings once.

4 Some older modems will answer, but must be told to pick up the 5 telephone after it rings. The ATA gadget is used in this case.

7 If you have selected this answer command, you would not select
 8 Answer Telephone menu option until after the telephone rings
 9 (See Teleconnection Procedures).

11 A custom command entry box is provided, should your modem 12 answer command differ from those provided. Click/activate the 13 box, then type in the command you require.

Saving and Loading Modem Settings

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18 Modem settings may be saved or re-loaded by clicking on the
19 Save or Load control, whenever the Opponent field does not
20 contain a user entered name and says Enter Name. If an
21 opponent's name is being displayed in the box, then the opponent
22 data file, instead of the modem settings file, is saved or loaded.
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24 If an Opponent name is displayed in the Opponent field, and you 25 wish to save or re-load the modem settings, click on an empty 26 box to clear the Opponent field, then click Save or Load.

29 Opponent Parameters

Opponent Parameters can be entered or edited, and saved to disk so they can be recalled as needed.

Previously saved Opponent files are listed and may be recalled by first selecting, then loading them with the mouse.

37 Each Opponent file contains information specific to establishing a 38 connection with a particular opponent, such as the *opponents* 39 *name*, *telephone number*, and the *baud rate* that will be used.

3 Teleconnection Procedure

5 Playing Medieval Warriors between two computers over the 6 telephone is very easy. Medieval Warriors does all the work of 7 establishing and maintaining the connection, so that the players 8 can concentrate on playing the game.

Before you establish a teleconnection, both of the players must the Opponent Parameters, or LOAD a previously saved Deponent Parameters file from the disk.

Voice Contact

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17 It is recommended that telephone voice contact be first 18 established between the Medieval Warriors players to decide who 19 will Dial the Telephone Number and who will Answer the 20 Telephone.

22 It is also necessary to agree upon the baud rate that will be used 23 for the connection, which should be the highest common to both 24 the modems that are being used.

26 After they each hang up the voice call, the player who will 27 answer the call should select *Answer Telephone* from the menu 28 (if ATSO = 1.

30 The Dialing computer should wait 30 seconds to be sure his 31 opponent is ready, then selects *Dial Telephone Number* from the 32 menu.

34 If ATA is the Answer mode, The player who is dialing should 35 Dial the Telephone Number first. The other player then selects 36 Answer Telephone from the menu after his phone rings.

Teleconnection Procedure Summary

- 1. Each computer must load Medieval Warriors.
- 2. Set Modem Parameters, if not set.

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- 3. Load or set Opponent Parameters.
- Call your opponent (voice) to decide who will call whom when playing Medieval Warriors over the phone.
 - 5. Both computers should be on the same map, and not have a game started.
 - 6. Before hanging up the phone, players agree that a call will be placed in 15 to 30 seconds.
 - If ATS0=1 is the designated answer command, the player who answers the phone selects Answer Telephone. Then 15 seconds later the other player selects Dial Telephone Number.
 - 8. If ATA is the designated answer command, one player selects Dial the Telephone Number. Then the other player selects Answer Telephone when he hears the telephone ring.
 - Medieval Warriors will establish the connection between the computers.
 - 10. Players may now type messages to each other. When they are ready, they may select *New Game*, or load and *Continue* a saved game that was previously saved.

Teleconnection - Another Method

5 A few older, non-standard modems do not answer the phone or 6 recognize the A7 command set, and may not initially seem to 7 work with Medieval Warriors.

9 You may still be able to play by using the *Null Modem Connect* 0 option. The connect procedure that follows should be used to establish a teleconnection under these circumstances.

13 The computers must each load and use telecommunication 14 software that works with the respective modems.

The software should be set to the following parameters.

Parity = NONE

Data Length = 8 bits

Stop Bits = 1 stop bit

Duplex = Full Duplex

30 After making a teleconnection between the two computers, quit 31 the telecommunication programs. The telephone connection should 32 remain open between the two modems.

Load Medieval Warriors on both computers. After it has loaded,the players should select the *Null Modem Connect* menu option.

Wait a sufficient time for both computers to get the game loaded as and set, then try typing messages to each other in order to determine if a connection was successfully established.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

The game will not Load

- 1. Have you sufficient free memory for the game to load?
- 2. Verify that your working copy of the game disk is not damaged.

The game will not Dial a Telephone

- 1. Is your modem connected to your computer and powered? Check the connections between computer and modem.
- 2. Are Modem and Opponent Parameters set correctly? If not, set the parameters correctly.
- 3. Is your modem compatible with the AT command set? If not, consult your modem manual for a dial command that might work, and type it into the Dial Command Box.
- 5. If all else should fail, try the procedure outlined under TeleConnection - Another Method.

3 The game will not Answer the Phone

- 1. Is your modem connected to your computer and powered? Check the connections between computer and modem.
- 2. Are your Modem Parameters set correctly? If not, set the parameters correctly.
- 3. Is your modem compatible with the *AT* command set? If not, consult your modem manual for an answer command that might work, and type it in the Answer Command Box.
- 4. Try the ATA command to force the modems to answer the phone.
- 5. If all else should fail, try the procedure outlined under TeleConnection - Another Method.

TeleConnected, but Game will not Work

- 1. Is the same baud rate set on both computers?
- 2. Had a game already been STARTED on one of the computers? Games should not be started when the teleconnection is first established.
- 3. Are both computers set to the same Map? Both computers should select the same map before starting a game.
- 4. Do you have Call Waiting? Disable Call Waiting and try again.
- 5. Try hanging up and re-establish phone (*voice*) contact to verify all modem settings on each computer. Then try again.

Connected & Playing, then No Response

- 1. Are you still connected? Check for the Carrier Detect (CD) light on your modem, if it has one.
- 2. Type in a message. The chime may awaken your sleeping opponent.
- 3. If the SEND message line echoes back to the RECV message line (with some modems), then you are disconnected.
 - 4. If you have been disconnected, first Save the game. Then repeat the connect procedure to reestablish a connection. Then Load the saved game and select Continue. Game play will be picked up where you left off.
 - Note: If the menus are deactivated when the connection is broken you can click on the Message bar with the mouse to reactivate them.
- 21 22 5. If you have *Call Waiting*, it can cause a disruption of telephone game play.
 - Call Waiting should be disabled before attempting to play any game over the telephone.
 - If you do not know how to disable *Call Waiting*, please consult your telephone company.

Moves are not being transmitted correctly

Other unfriendly multi-tasking programs or inits that are running on your computer in the background can interfere with move transmissions when playing through a modem. Please turn off or exit these programs or inits, then try again.



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